

NEW ENGLAND COMMON ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

Principal/Test Coordinator Manual Grade 11 Pilot Test

November 14–20, 2006

NECAP SERVICE CENTER: 1-877-632-7774

Important Contact Information

General Information

If you have any questions regarding the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) or procedures for administering the NECAP tests, contact the **Measured Progress Service Center at 1-877-632-7774.** The Service Center will be open Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 A.M.–4:00 P.M.

If you need to order additional NECAP test materials, go to http://iServices.measuredprogress.org and follow the on-screen instructions. (See page 12 of this manual for more information.)

Information about NECAP Policy

If you have any comments or suggestions regarding the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP), contact:

New Hampshire Department of Education: Tim Kurtz, Director of Assessment, 603-271-3846, 101 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301-3860, www.ed.state.nh.us

Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education: Mary Ann Snider, Director of Assessment and Accountability, 401-222-8492, 255 Westminster Street, Providence, RI 02903, www.ride.ri.gov

Vermont Department of Education: Michael Hock, Director of Assessment, 802-828-3115, 120 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05620-2501, www.state.vt.us/educ/

Important Dates

Test administration must be completed during this period	November 14-17, 2006
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Test materials must be ready at 8:00 A.M. for pick up by UPS	November 20, 2006

TEST SECURITY

All test items and responses to those items in the New England Common Assessment Program are <u>secure</u> and may not be copied or duplicated in any way or retained in the school after testing is completed.

	Checklist for Principals and Test Coordinators
Bef	ore testing:
	Read the Principal/Test Coordinator Manual and the Test Administrator Manual.
	Notify staff, students, and parents about testing and discourage absences.
	Designate test administrators.
	Determine the testing schedule for your school.
	Meet with test administrators to review the testing schedule, distribute and review procedures in the <i>Test Administrator Manual</i> . Manuals will be available electronically from your department of education website.
	Arrange for testing of students who require accommodations. Review the <i>Accommodations, Guidelines, and Procedures: Administrator Training Guide</i> and provide training as necessary.
	Receive and inventory test materials. Call the Measured Progress Service Center at 1-877-632-7774 to report and resolve any discrepancies prior to testing.
	Ensure that Student ID Labels are placed in the space provided on the Student Test Booklets and Student Answer Booklets.
	Obtain student demographic information from school records for all students for whom a label was not provided. (See Appendices 3 & 4)
	Distribute test materials to test administrators.
	Call the Measured Progress Service Center at 1-877-632-7774 with questions.
Dur	ing testing:
	Maintain test security in all settings and locations.
	Be sure that all students have comfortable and adequate workspaces.
	Ensure accommodations are provided to students as appropriate.
	Secure test materials between test administration sessions.
	Observe test administration in your school(s).
	Be available to answer questions as necessary.
Afte	er testing:
	Collect and inventory all test materials from test administrators.
	Verify that the fields on the front cover of the Student Answer Booklet have been completed for all students who do not have a label.
	Complete student demographic information on page 2 of the Student Answer Booklet for all students who do not have a label. (See page 17 and Appendices 3 & 4 for details.)
	Confirm that no paper has been taped, pasted, stapled, or otherwise attached to the Student Answer Booklets.
	Insert any large-print and Braille booklets into the envelopes labeled for their return.
	Insert any student's set of test materials requiring special handling into the envelope labeled "Special Handling".
	Ensure that all scratch paper has been removed from the Student Answer Booklets and insert all used scratch paper into the envelope labeled "For Return of Scratch Paper".
	Inventory all valid Student Answer Booklets and insert into the envelope(s) labeled "For Return of Used Answer Documents Only."
	Ensure that the online <i>Principal's Certification of Proper Test Administration</i> is completed, printed, signed by the principal, and returned with the test materials.
	Complete and return the Principal/Test Coordinator Questionnaire.
	Pack all test materials in shipping carton(s) for return to Measured Progress. All secure materials (including scratch paper) must be returned to Measured Progress.
	Affix one UPS Return Service (RS) label to each carton . All materials must be packed and ready for pick up on Monday, November 20, 2006. (Detailed instructions for return of materials are provided on page 18.)

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The New England Common Assessment Program

Background

The New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) is the result of collaboration among New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont to build a set of assessments for grades 3 through 8 and 11 to meet the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLBA). The states decided to work together for three important reasons:

- Working together brings together a team of assessment and content specialists with experience and expertise greater than any individual state.
- Working together provides the capacity necessary for the three states to develop quality, customized assessments consistent with the overall goal of improving education.
- Working together allows the sharing of costs in the development of a customized assessment program of a quality that would not be feasible for any individual state.

There are three purposes for the grade 11 pilot test administration. First, it will provide an opportunity to field-test all of the items that have been developed in order to further refine the item set and guide the selection of items for the operational tests. Second, it will provide an opportunity to try out the planned testing procedures (e.g. timing, manuals, shipping/receiving procedures). Third, it will provide all schools in each state an opportunity to experience the assessment prior to the first operational administration in October 2007.

Students in every school in all three states will participate in the grade 11 pilot test. Each student will complete one session of each content area test (reading, mathematics, and writing). The grade 11 pilot test administration will be as similar as possible to the operational test. However, because an individual student will only participate in one session of each content area, the total testing time will only be approximately three hours. Additionally, students will not be required to make up test sessions that are missed due to absence. Therefore, the testing window for the pilot test is only four days.

Structure and Format of the Grade 11 Test

NECAP is a comprehensive set of tests that cover a broad range of learning expectations in reading and mathematics administered at grades 3 through 8 and 11 and writing at grades 5, 8, and 11. A complete description of the grade 11 learning expectations can be found in the *New England Common Assessment Program End of Grade 10 Expectations* (NECAP GEs) developed and adopted collaboratively by the departments of education in New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. The NECAP GEs are posted on the individual state department of education websites.

NECAP tests include the following types of items:

- multiple-choice items, which require students to select the correct answer from four possible responses;
- short-answer items, which require students to provide a solution to a problem;
- constructed-response items, which require students to write a brief (up to a half page) response or show the solution to a problem;
- writing prompts, which require students to demonstrate their ability to communicate in writing through an extended response. These prompts are both stand alone and text based.

Test Coordinator's Responsibilities

Test coordinators are vital to the success of the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP). For this reason, the instructions given in this manual and in the *Test Administrator Manual* must be followed closely by each principal/test coordinator and test administrator.

The test coordinator's primary responsibilities are to

- serve as the school's contact person for Measured Progress;
- coordinate all test-related activities;
- prepare test administrators to administer the NECAP test according to the directions in the *Test Administrator Manual*;
- oversee the inventory, distribution, collection, and return of all test materials; and
- ensure the security of all test materials and compliance with test administration procedures.

Test coordinator's activities:

- develop a testing schedule for your school, including the scheduling and staffing of test administrators for students who need accommodations
- become familiar with procedures detailed in the *Test Administrator Manual* and the *Accommodations, Guidelines, and Procedures: Administrator Training Guide* and meet with test administrators to discuss those procedures and answer questions
- prior to testing ensure that, for every student with a label, the correct Student ID Label is placed in the appropriate space provided on the Student Test Booklet and Student Answer Booklet
- obtain student demographic information for students who do not have Student ID Labels
- ensure that, for every student without a label, the applicable information is completed on the front cover and page 2 of the Student Answer Booklet
- inventory shipments of test materials against the Materials Summary Form to determine that there are sufficient materials for each test administrator
- distribute materials to test administrators and ensure that an accurate accounting of all materials consigned to each test administrator is maintained
- ensure that NECAP testing procedures are followed
- collect and inventory all test materials after testing is completed
- ensure that the online *Principal's Certification of Proper Test Administration* is completed, printed, signed by the principal, and returned with the test materials
- complete and return the *Principal/Test Coordinator Questionnaire*
- package all materials for return to Measured Progress. UPS has been scheduled to arrive at your school to pick up the materials on Monday, November 20, 2006. *Please have test materials prepared for UPS pick up by 8:00 A.M. that day.*

Test Security (Before, During, and After Testing)

The test coordinator is responsible for ensuring the security of material for the NECAP test. The test coordinator must notify test administrators and anyone else who has access to the test materials that test items are secure and must not be released, copied, or duplicated before or during testing or retained in the school in any way after testing is completed. To protect the security of the test, all test administrators must carefully follow the instructions in the manuals for administering the test and handling materials. Keep the test booklets secure at all times. Any loss of test materials should be reported immediately to Measured Progress and to your state department of education.

Using secure test material to prepare students in any way for this test administration is a violation of test security and testing procedure.

Breaches in Test Security

Any concern about breaches in test security or noncompliance with test administration procedures must be reported **immediately** to the test coordinator and/or principal. The test coordinator and/or principal is responsible for **immediately** reporting the concern to the district superintendent and the state director of assessment at the department of education. (See page i of this manual for contact information.)

Before Testing

Preparation for Test Administration

Manuals

The *Principal/Test Coordinator Manual* and the *Test Administrator Manual* outline all of the steps to be followed before, during, and after test administration. Understanding of and compliance with each of these steps is vital for a successful NECAP administration. Please read this manual and the *Test Administrator Manual* to become familiar with the test administration procedures. Make note of any special arrangements that will be necessary for your school.

Student Participation and Accommodations

Who Should Be Tested

Because the results of the grade 11 pilot test will be used to judge the accessibility of the assessment for all students, it is important to include as many students as possible in the NECAP pilot test. This includes students with disabilities and English Language Learners. This also includes students attending career and technical centers, (new for NH and VT). With a few exceptions, all students enrolled in grade 11 as of November 14, 2006 must participate in the grade 11 pilot assessment. The following exceptions will be permitted for the **NECAP grade 11 pilot assessment only**:

- students who would normally participate in an alternate assessment
- English Language Learners enrolled in school in the United States for less than one year
- students who are absent from school for the entire testing window
- students whose extraordinary personal circumstances prevent them from participating in the pilot

Decisions about students not participating in the NECAP grade 11 pilot assessment should be documented locally and retained by the principal. Notifying the department of education is not required for the pilot.

Determining How Students Will Participate Using Accommodations

Each state participating in the NECAP has previously had a list of accommodations allowable in their state. For purposes of the NECAP, the states have agreed upon a common set of allowable accommodations. The Table of Standard Test Accommodations for NECAP is in Appendix 5 of this manual and is also included in the *Test Administrator Manual*. Accommodations are available to all students on the basis of individual need regardless of disability status. For detailed information on planning and implementing accommodations, refer to the *Accommodations, Guidelines, and Procedures: Administrator Training Guide* available on each state's department of education website.

Decisions regarding accommodations must be made by the student's educational team on an individual basis. Accommodations must be consistent with those used during the student's regular classroom instruction, including test taking.

Other Accommodations

If the decision of the student's educational team requires an accommodation not listed in the Table of Standard Test Accommodations, you must contact your state department of education in advance of testing for specific instructions on encoding the "Other Accommodations (E)" and/or "Modifications (F)" section. (See page i of this manual for contact information.) Any accommodation(s) must be consistent with those used during the student's regular classroom instruction.

Use of an accommodation in the "Modifications (F)" section will invalidate the session(s) in which it was used and no credit will be given. It is important to take this into consideration when choosing whether or not to allow a modification

Document Accommodations

All accommodations used during any test session must be recorded by authorized school staff on page 2 of the Student Answer Booklet in the "Accommodations Used" section. A sample page 2 of a Student Answer Booklet is in Appendix 3 of this manual.

Scheduling Test Sessions

The testing window for the grade 11 pilot is **November 14-17, 2006**. All testing, including accommodations, must be completed by November 17, 2006. Makeup testing is not necessary for the grade 11 pilot assessment. Pilot testing is structured differently than the operational test in order to try out as many items as possible. Students in your school will take one session of each content area (reading, mathematics, and writing). The operational test will include two sessions for each content area.

Ideally, each test session should be administered when and where students are most likely to do their best. Test activities include time during the General Instructions session for completing the front covers of the Student Test Booklet and the Student Answer Booklet and time at the end of testing for completing the Student Questionnaire. (The Student Questionnaire is optional in Vermont.) The test sessions must be taken in the order presented in the Student Test Booklet. For students who are absent on the first day of testing, the front covers of the Student Test Booklet and the Student Answer Booklet must have a Student ID label or be completed prior to administering any part of the test. In schools where students in several classes are being tested, all classrooms of students should take the same test session simultaneously.

Be sure that the test administration sessions do not conflict with regularly scheduled daily activities, such as lunch. Sufficient time should be allowed for continuous administration of each test session. Please refer to the table on the following page for the reading, mathematics, and writing testing schedule information.

NECAP test sessions are designed to be completed in approximately 60 minutes. However, recognizing that students work at different rates, NECAP tests are not strictly timed. Students are allowed up to an additional 30 minutes per session, as long as they are working productively. Therefore, schedule 90 minutes of uninterrupted time for administering each test session. Students who will need beyond 90 minutes must have an extended time accommodation determined prior to testing.

If students complete a test session early, those students may go back and check work in that session of the test **only** or close their test booklets and sit quietly. Students may not work on any other session of the test. Since some students will finish early, it is important for them to be quietly occupied so they will not disturb those students who require more time.

Testing Schedule			
Test Session	Scheduled Time (in minutes)		
General Instructions	Completing Student Information	5	
	Directions	5	
Session 1 - Reading	Testing (20 multiple choice & 4 or 5 constructed response)	90	
	Directions	5	
	Testing: Part A — Non-Calculator (5 multiple choice, 3 short answer, & 1 constructed response)	45	
Session 2 - Mathematics	Directions	5	
	Testing: Part B – Calculator (5 multiple choice, 3 short answer, & 1 constructed response)	45	
	Directions	5	
Session 3 - Writing	Testing (1 writing prompt)	90	
Student Questionnaire	Questionnaire	20	

Student ID Labels

Student ID Labels are used to ensure the accuracy of student demographic information and minimize effort for schools during testing. Student ID Labels will be shipped with test materials. Schools will receive two Student ID Labels for students. If you have not received your shipment by October 30, 2006, telephone the Measured Progress Service Center at 1-877-632-7774.

Student ID Labels were created based on end of 2005–2006 school year enrollment projections. Therefore, you might receive labels for students not enrolled in your school and you may be missing labels for some students who are enrolled. It is critical to attend to each situation in the following way:

Students enrolled in your school WITH Student ID Labels: the student name, state assigned student ID number, and school name <u>must</u> be correct for the label to be used. If any of that information is incorrect, <u>do not</u> use the label. Call your state department of education to report the incorrect information, and follow the procedure below for "Students without Student ID Labels". If the birth date is incorrect, you may still use the label.

Student ID Labels for students NOT in your school: labels are created for specific schools and are not transferable to other schools. Throw away any labels provided for students not enrolled in your school. <u>Do not forward labels to other schools. Do not affix these labels to Student Test Booklets and Student Answer Booklets.</u>

Students WITHOUT Student ID Labels: for any student who did not receive a label or if information on the label was incorrect, you must complete the student information on pages 1 and 2 of the Student Answer Booklet.

State	Required on the Student Answer Booklet for students without a label		
State	Page 1	Page 2	
NH	Student name, state assigned student ID, and birth date	No student demographic information is required	
RI	Student name, state assigned student ID, and birth date	Gender, primary race/ethnicity, LEP, IEP, SES, Migrant, 504 Plan, Title 1A	
VT	Student name and birth date	Gender, Primary race/ethnicity, LEP, IEP, SES, Migrant	

Preparing Student Test and Answer Booklets for Testing

Student Test Booklets and Student Answer Booklets are shrink-wrapped together in packs of 15, 10, 5, and as singles. The quantity in each pack is indicated by a label on the top of the pack. Shrink-wrapped packs may be split to accommodate the number of students in any one testing group at the school. Each pack contains a mix of test forms — do not reorder the test forms when distributing them to test administrators.

Students will receive a separate Student Test Booklet and Student Answer Booklet. The Student Answer Booklet comes inserted in the Student Test Booklet; they **must** stay together because the Student Answer Booklets are specific to each test form. Student identification information must be provided on the Student Test Booklets and Student Answer Booklets before testing begins. Students will also receive a separate Writing Student Test Booklet. There is no preparation needed for the writing booklets prior to testing.

A variety of barcodes appear on the Student Test Booklets and Student Answer Booklets. These are used by Measured Progress for test security purposes and to assist in tracking and accounting for the return of the test booklets. The serial numbers on the Student Test Booklets will not match the serial numbers for the Student Answer Booklets.

IMPORTANT: **DO NOT** separate the Student Answer Booklets from the Student Test Booklets as they are paired by test form. In the event that the documents do become separated, you will need to match the form number on the front cover of the Student Test Booklet with the bracketed portion of the number printed on the bottom right corner of the Student Answer Booklet. In the sample below, the brackets indicate form 4.

If you have questions, please call the Measured Progress Service Center at 1-877-632-7774.

- For students with Student ID Labels, affix one label to the Student Answer Booklet in the space provided in the lower right corner of the front cover. Affix the second label to the front cover of the Student Test Booklet in the space provided. No label is necessary for the Writing Student Test Booklet.
- For students enrolled in your school <u>without</u> Student ID Labels, write the student name, school name, and district name on the lines provided in the lower right corner of the front cover of the Student Answer Booklet. The student name and birth date fields, and the state assigned student ID number in RI and NH, must be written in and bubbled. This may be done by students just prior to testing or completed by authorized school personnel. Also write the student name and school name on the cover of the Student Test Booklet.

Prior to Test Administration

Designating Test Administrators

Designate enough test administrators to ensure that

- each test session will be administered simultaneously to all students being tested in the school,
- students can be tested in surroundings that will provide them with the opportunity to do their best work, and
- students who require accommodations will be supervised by trained test administrators (see *Accommodations, Guidelines, and Procedures: Administrator Training Guide*).

Prior to test administration, schedule a meeting with test administrators. Distribute a copy of the *Test Administrator Manual* to each designated test administrator before this meeting. Notify all test administrators that they must read the manual thoroughly prior to the meeting. Please duplicate the manual if additional copies are required or visit the state department of education website to download additional copies. (See page i of this manual for web addresses.)

Preparing Test Administrators

Test administrators should be aware that their primary roles are to encourage students to take the task seriously and do their best on the tests, to give clear directions to students, and to monitor student performance to see that directions are followed.

During the meeting with test administrators,

• assign each administrator a specific group of students for testing, including students who need accommodations,

- notify the test administrators of the testing schedule and how it will be implemented for your school.
- inform the test administrators about your school's plan for implementing NECAP test security procedures, including test environment and approved testing materials,
- explain your school's plan for inventorying, distributing, collecting, and storing secure test materials,
- create a plan for applying Student ID Labels or coding student identification information on the front cover of the Student Answer Booklets and Student Test Booklets (the front covers must be completed **before testing**),
- for students without a label, create a plan for completing the student information on page 2 of the Student Answer Booklet (RI and VT only); this page must be completed **after testing**, see page 7 for detailed instructions,
- discuss additional materials needed during test administration: extra #2 pencils, scratch paper, calculators, and approved mathematics materials,
- encourage test administrators to complete the Test Administrator Ouestionnaire, and
- answer questions regarding test administration and security procedures. As necessary, call the Measured Progress Service Center at 1-877-632-7774.

At the meeting, have available

- student information that test administrators or authorized school staff must complete **after testing** on page 2 of the Student Answer Booklet for **each** student, regardless of whether or not the student has a Student ID Label. This information includes each student's
 - accommodation(s) with corresponding codes from the Table of Standard Test Accommodations (see Appendix 5), and
 - other accommodations (E or F) that were approved by your state's department of education prior to testing,
- student information that test administrators or authorized school staff must complete **after testing** on page 2 of the Student Answer Booklet for each student in RI and VT **without** a Student ID Label. Details are in the table on page 7. (See Appendix 3 for a sample page 2 Student Answer Booklet.)

Reminders for test administrators:

Test administrators may not comment on students' work or help them in any way, except when completing the Student Questionnaire. Using the current year's test materials to familiarize students with test items is a violation of test security and testing procedures.

All test items and all student responses in the NECAP are secure and may not be released, copied or duplicated in any way, or kept at the school once testing is completed.

Test Materials

Inventory Test Materials

Test materials will be delivered to the schools via UPS (United Parcel Service). Please alert your school staff to notify you **immediately** upon receipt of the test materials. Testing materials can be easily identified by the Measured Progress information on the carton(s). **If you have not received test materials by October 31, 2006, immediately telephone the Measured Progress Service Center at 1-877-632-7774.**

Inventory the test materials immediately upon receipt. The Materials Summary Form at the top of the carton labeled "Administration Materials Enclosed" provides the total number of materials shipped to your school. Using the Materials Summary Form, mark the quantity of each item shipped in the "Qty Received" column. (See Appendix 1 for a sample of the Materials Summary Form.) This is your record of what you received. It is important that all materials are counted prior to testing. Any discrepancy between what is noted on your Materials Summary Form and the actual count must be reported immediately to the Measured Progress Service Center (1-877-623-7774). The Packing Slip *Secured Material* document provides a detailed list of the contents of each box and lists the bar code numbers that appear on the Student Test Booklets only. (See Appendix 2 for a sample Packing Slip *Secured Material*.) Note: The serial numbers on the Student Answer Booklets will not match the serial numbers on the Student Test Booklets. You are not required to record or track barcodes.

The sequence of how test materials are packed in cartons for each school is listed below and on the next page.

Administrative Forms box or envelope			
NECAP Item	Notes		
Materials Summary Form	Use this form to inventory materials; check quantities under the heading "Qty Received" and "Qty Returned".		
Instruction sheet for online Principal Certification of Proper Test Administration (green)	Your username and password are provided on this instruction sheet. The online form <u>must</u> be completed and signed by the principal.		
Rulers and Protractors	Rulers and protractors are provided for use on the mathematics tests in Part B only.		
UPS Return Service Labels	Affix one label to each carton when returning all test materials.		
Envelope containing Student ID Labels	Only use the label if the student's name, state assigned ID number, and school name are correct.		
White envelope labeled "Administrative Forms" which will also contain the school name and school code	Return the signed copy of the online <i>Principal's Certification of Proper Test Administration</i> form, the completed <i>Principal/Test Coordinator Questionnaire</i> , and <i>Test Administrator Questionnaires</i> in this envelope.		
White plastic envelope(s) labeled "For Return of Used Answer Documents Only"	Return ALL valid Student Answer Booklets in these envelopes only.		

White plastic envelope labeled "Special Handling" in red lettering	This envelope should be used for any set(s) of test materials needing extra attention. Please attach an explanatory note with any test materials returned in this envelope.		
White plastic envelope labeled "For Return of Scratch Paper"	All notes, rough drafts, scratch paper, etc. used by students must be removed from student booklets and returned in this envelope. ONLY return scratch paper in this envelope.		
White plastic envelopes labeled "For Return of Large-Print Tests" (if applicable)	Return large-print test forms and accompanying regular Student Answer Booklet in these envelopes.		
White plastic envelopes labeled "For Return of Braille Tests" (if applicable)	Return Braille test forms and accompanying regular Student Answer Booklet in these envelopes.		
Test Administrator Manual(s)	Extra copies may be duplicated at your school, if needed, or download from your state's website.		
Principal/Test Coordinator Manual	Extra copies may be duplicated at your school, if needed, or download from your state's website.		
Principal/Test Coordinator Questionnaire (yellow)	This questionnaire is to be completed by the Principal or Test Coordinator.		
Test Administrator Questionnaires (blue)	This questionnaire is to be completed by the Test Administrators. Additional copies can be made if needed.		
Boxes of Test Booklets			
Packing Slip *Secured Material*	This document provides the quantity of secure test materials shipped per box and the variable bar code numbers assigned to each test booklet. You are not required to record or track barcodes.		
Large-print test forms (if applicable)	The large-print version of the test comes with a regular Student Answer Booklet. The test administrator must transcribe the student's answer into this booklet.		
Braille test forms (if applicable)	The Braille version of the test comes with a regular Student Answer Booklet. The test administrator must transcribe the student's answer into this booklet.		
Student Questionnaires (in packs of 15, 10, 5, and singles)	The students should record their responses to the student questionnaire in the "Student Questionnaire" section on the back page of the Student Answer Booklet.		
Student Test Booklets and Student Answer Booklets (in packs of 15, 10, 5, and singles)	The number of Student Test Booklets and Student Answer Booklets included in each shrink-wrapped pack is indicated on the front of the pack. Mathematics Reference Sheets are also included in each pack.		

Quantities of Student Test Booklets and Student Answer Booklets

The quantity of test materials that Measured Progress sends each school is based on projected enrollment information provided by your state department of education in June 2006. All schools or districts also had the opportunity to verify and/or update their enrollment numbers in September 2006. An overage of 10% has been added to each school's enrollment to account for new students who may have enrolled after the enrollments were submitted. Schools ordered large-print and Braille tests by calling the service center over the summer. If any of these items were ordered, they will be included in the shipment.

The number of Student Test Booklets and Student Answer Booklets contained in each shrink-wrapped pack is indicated on the front of the pack. Since every test booklet shipped to a school **must** be returned, verify the quantity of booklets contained in each shrink-wrapped pack, and immediately report any discrepancies to Measured Progress.

Quantities of Other Materials

One Principal/Test Coordinator Manual and one Principal/Test Coordinator Questionnaire will be sent to the school. Each school will also receive a set of instructions for completing the online Principal's Certification of Proper Test Administration form. The quantity of Test Administrator Manuals and Test Administrator Questionnaires is based on a ratio of about one for every 15 students enrolled. Additional manuals can be downloaded from each state department of education website or photocopied. The number of Mathematics Reference Sheets, rulers, and protractors sent will be equal to the number of Student Test Booklets and Student Answer Booklets shipped.

Ordering Additional Materials

To order additional materials, log on to http://iServices.measuredprogress.org. Select New England Common Assessment Program from the drop-down list and click "Enter"; select "Order Additional Materials" from the left column. To access your school's account, you will need your MP ship code, located in the top left row on your Material Summary Form. Remember to order before 2:00 PM to receive additional materials by the next business day. If you have problems with the online system, contact the Measured Progress Service Center at 1-877-632-7774. All orders must be completed by November 10, 2006 to ensure delivery of requested material prior to the start of the testing window.

Save the original carton(s) for the return of test materials. Each carton contains a preprinted bar code label identifying test materials for your school. Do not remove, destroy, or deface this label; the information on the label will expedite tracking of returned material.

Storing and Access to Test Materials

Designate a locked, secure location for the storage of all test materials when they are not being used by students. Under no circumstances should anyone have access to test materials during testing other than individuals designated to be directly involved with test distribution or administration and students enrolled in grade 11. The test coordinator is responsible for protecting test materials from being viewed by unauthorized individuals from the time materials are received at the school until the materials are returned to Measured Progress.

Test items and student responses may be viewed only by test administrators for the purpose of test administration and only to the extent necessary for proper test administration. Under no circumstances should individuals not involved in test administration be given access to NECAP test materials.

Duplication of Student Test Booklets and Student Answer Booklets is strictly forbidden, including, but not limited to, audiotaping, videotaping, photocopying, photographing, and handwritten copying. No test materials of any kind may be retained, discarded, recycled, removed, or destroyed. Any loss of test materials must be immediately reported to Measured Progress, your superintendent, and your state department of education.

Equipment and Materials Permitted During Test Administration

The test coordinator and the test administrator are responsible for providing an appropriate testing environment for the assessment. Students may use only the materials permitted for the assessment. These materials are listed for each test session in the *Test Administrator Manual* and in the table on the next page.

The items on the mathematics test are designed so that calculators are not required to solve any of the problems. The departments of education have set limits on the use of calculators during statewide assessment. These limits specify when calculators may be used during the assessment and which devices are allowable. However, within these limits, the fundamental decision about whether or not to use calculators is made at the local school level.

Calculators are permitted only during Part B of the mathematics test. Calculators are not permitted on Part A of the mathematics test. If your school does not have enough calculators for all students, students may use their own. Students may not share calculators during testing.

A four function calculator is sufficient; however, students may use a scientific or graphing calculator. The following devices and/or calculators with the following features are prohibited: pocket organizers, handheld or laptop computers, electronic writing pads or pen-input devices, cellular phones or other wireless communication devices, and calculators with a "QWERTY" keyboard. If you have a question regarding a particular calculator, please contact the state department of education.

Equipment and Materials Prohibited During Test Administration

It is important to ensure that no students are either advantaged or disadvantaged during testing by their testing environment.

Reference materials, including those on the classroom walls, should not be used by students. All reference materials (printed or attached) on student desks should be removed or covered. Any displayed materials in the classroom that interfere with proper test administration are not permitted. It is not possible to list all classroom materials that may potentially create an advantage or disadvantage for students during testing; if in doubt, remove or cover the materials, or reposition students' desks so the materials cannot be viewed. If there are any questions, call the state director of assessment. (See page i of this manual for contact information.)

Dictionaries of any type and/or thesauruses are not allowed during any session of the assessment, except for word-to-word translation dictionaries allowed as an accommodation for English Language Learners.

Ancillary Test Materials

The table below summarizes the materials used during the NECAP tests and differentiates between those provided by Measured Progress and those provided by schools.

Ancillary Test Materials

Reading & Writing Mathematics		Mathematics	
Provided by schools	Provided by schools	Provided by Measured Progress	
#2 pencils	#2 pencils	Reference Sheet	
scratch paper	scratch paper	ruler*	
	calculator*	protractor*	

^{*}For use on the mathematics test in Part B only.

During Testing

Test Administration

Distributing Test Materials

The test coordinator should distribute all prepared test materials to test administrators shortly before the start of the first testing session. Include an additional set of test materials for the test administrator to use while giving directions.

Monitoring Test Administration

Test coordinators should be actively involved in test administration through careful supervision and monitoring of the administration and test security procedures described in this manual.

During the test administration, test administrators should monitor the testing process by moving unobtrusively throughout the room. In moving about the room, test administrators should check that students are working in the correct session, are turning pages when necessary, are marking answers in the proper places, and are not spending too much time on any one item. Students should be reminded to take the task seriously.

Test administrators may not comment on students' work. Test administrators may not help students in any way except during the General Instructions, Student Questionnaire, or as specified in the *Test Administrator Manual*.

After Testing

Preparation of Test Materials for Return

Collecting Materials After Testing

After all test sessions are completed, collect and inventory all used and unused test materials that have been returned by each administrator. During this time, ensure that test security is maintained and check to see that no test materials show any evidence of breaches in test security. When materials are returned, test coordinators must verify that

- 1. **all** test materials, whether used or unused, have been returned by each test administrator;
- 2. Student ID Labels have been placed in the space provided on the Student Answer Booklet for each student for whom a label was provided;
- 3. for each student without a label, the front cover and page 2 of the Student Answer Booklet have been completed accurately and appropriately;
- 4. accommodations have been correctly recorded on page 2 of the Student Answer Booklets for every student who used an accommodation(s) during testing;
- 5. the Student Answer Booklets are in good condition and are free of eraser bits, and that erasures have been made completely;
- 6. all extra papers (scratch paper, Math Reference Sheets, Post-its, etc.) have been removed from the Student Answer Booklets;
- 7. all valid Student Answer Booklets have been inserted into the white plastic envelope(s) labeled "For Return of Used Answer Documents Only";
- 8. all scratch paper and other non-scorable materials have been inserted into the white plastic envelope labeled "For Return of Scratch Paper";
- 9. all large-print and Braille forms (if you ordered any) have been transcribed into a regular Student Answer Booklet and all materials have been inserted into the envelopes labeled for their return;
- 10. test materials that require special handling have been checked and inserted into the envelope labeled "Special Handling".

Special Materials

The test coordinator is responsible for ensuring that all special materials are returned correctly. All nonstandard student generated responses must be transcribed by a test administrator or authorized school personnel into a regular Student Answer Booklet. This includes all student responses in a large-print or Braille test booklet and any accommodation in section D of the Table of Standard Test Accommodations. The work the student generated AND the Student Answer Booklet that contains the transcription should be returned in the Special Handling, Braille, or large-print envelope.

The Special Handling envelope should be used for any Student Answer Booklet that is non-standard. Examples include, but are not limited to,

- torn booklets,
- responses written in anything other than #2 pencil.
- booklets that are damaged or got wet during testing
- any booklet with computer generated responses accompanying it.

If you have any questions about what to return in the Special Handling envelope, please call the Service Center at 1-877-632-7774.

Verifying the Completion of Student Information on Student Answer Booklets

The test coordinator is responsible for ensuring that all of the required student information has been correctly provided in every Student Answer Booklet for each student enrolled whether or not the student has a Student ID Label.

Use the instructions below to verify that necessary student information has been provided on the front cover and page 2 of all Student Answer Booklets being returned.

For all students WITH Student ID Labels verify that:

- Student ID Labels have been properly affixed on the front cover of the Student Answer Booklets,
 and
- accommodation information has been completed on page 2 of the Student Answer Booklets for every student who used an accommodation(s) during testing (see Appendix 5 for Table of Standard Test Accommodations).

For all students WITHOUT Student ID Labels verify that:

- the appropriate information on the front cover has been completed by the test administrators or other authorized school personnel. The information should be written in the spaces provided with the corresponding circles below bubbled in to match the letters/numbers,
- the appropriate demographic information, located in the box on the right-hand column at the top of page 2 of the Student Answer Booklet, has been completed. A complete set of instructions for completing these fields is in Appendix 4 of this manual. The table below outlines the student information required by each state.

State	Required on the Student Answer Booklet for students without a label		
State	Page 1	Page 2	
NH	Student name, state assigned student ID, and birth date	No student demographic information is required	
RI	Student name, state assigned student ID, and birth date	Gender, Primary race/ethnicity, LEP, IEP, SES, Migrant, 504 Plan, Title 1A	
VT	Student name and birth date	Gender, primary race/ethnicity, LEP, IEP, SES, Migrant	

 accommodation information has been completed on page 2 of the Student Answer Booklets for every student who used an accommodation(s) during testing (see Appendix 5 for Table of Standard Test Accommodations).

Completing Principal's Certification of Proper Test Administration

The online *Principal's Certification of Proper Test Administration* form certifies that the administration of the test has been completed according to the requirements in this *Principal/Test Coordinator Manual*. You can complete this form any time after testing is finished, but before UPS comes to pick up materials on November 20. You will need to know the number of booklets sent to your school, the number of used booklets being returned, and the total number of booklets being returned.

To access the form, go to http://iservices.measuredprogress.org. Select "New England Common Assessment Program" from the drop-down list and click "Enter"; select "Principal Certification" from the left column. Enter the username and password on the green instruction sheet that was included in your shipment, and follow the online instructions to complete the form.

Please print two copies of the completed online form. One copy of the form must be signed by the principal and returned to Measured Progress in the "Administrative Forms" envelope with the NECAP test materials. The other copy is for the school files.

Return of Materials

Materials should be packed to be returned to Measured Progress as soon as the school has completed testing. UPS will pick up all test materials at the school on Monday, November 20. Shipments should be ready by 8:00 A.M. that day. UPS will not wait for you to complete packing the materials. Be sure materials are secure until they are picked up by UPS. Please do not contact UPS directly. Arrangements have already been made for the pick up of test materials.

Use the original cartons for the return shipment of materials. UPS Return Service (RS) labels for shipping the cartons back to Measured Progress are provided in your original shipment of test materials. You will receive the same number of RS labels as the number of cartons shipped to your school. If you use fewer cartons to return materials, please include any unused RS labels in one of the return cartons.

The bar code label on the carton must be **intact** and **unobscured**. If the bar code is missing, write your school name and return address on the carton. **Remove, cross out, or tape over any old address labels.**

Do not use rubber bands, staples, or paper or binder clips when repackaging materials. You may use packing material, such as crumpled paper, to keep items from shifting during shipping.

Inventory all materials for return to Measured Progress using the Materials Summary Form. Mark the quantity packed for each item under the heading "Qty Returned" on this form. Keep this form for your records.

Separate used and unused test materials. Print "VOID" in large letters on the outside front cover of any test materials that were marked on and then not used.

- Place all <u>unused</u> materials in the bottom of the carton. If test materials are marked "VOID" during test administration, pack them with the unused booklets.
- Place all <u>used</u> Student Test Booklets in the carton(s) on top of the unused materials.
- Place all <u>used</u> Student Answer Booklets that require **no special handling** in the white envelopes marked "For Return of Used Answer Documents Only". Then place these envelopes in the carton(s).
- Insert all scratch paper used by students in the "Scratch Paper" envelope and then place them in the carton(s). (All scratch paper must be removed from the Student Answer Booklets. Only scratch paper should be returned in this envelope.)

- Insert all large-print and Braille tests in the envelopes labeled for their return and then place them in the carton(s).
- Place all test materials requiring special handling in the "Special Handling" envelope and place them in the carton(s) next.
- Insert the completed and signed copy of the online *Principal's Certification of Proper Test Administration* form, the completed *Principal/Test Coordinator Questionnaire*, and the completed *Test Administrator Questionnaires* into the envelope labeled "Administrative Forms" and place the envelope in the top of Carton 1.

The test materials should be packed in the shipping carton(s) in the following order from top to bottom.

TOP OF CARTON 1	
"Administrative Forms" envelope	
"Special Handling" envelope (if applicable)	
"Large-Print tests" envelope (if applicable)	
"Braille tests" envelope (if applicable)	
"Scratch Paper" envelope	
Envelopes containing valid Student Answer Booklets	
Used Student Test Booklets	
All unused student test materials	
BOTTOM OF CARTON 1 OR LAST CARTON	

The following items **DO NOT** need to be returned:

- Materials Summary Form
- Packing Slips *Secured Material*
- Mathematics Reference Sheets
- Rulers and Protractors
- Principal/Test Coordinator Manual and Test Administrator Manuals
- Student Questionnaires (students answered in their Student Answer Booklets)

Reseal the carton(s) with heavy-duty packing tape. Remove all labels on the carton(s) except the Measured Progress bar code label. Affix one UPS Return Service label to each carton. Mark the carton(s) "1 of 1" or "1 of 2," "2 of 2," etc.

UPS will arrive at your school on Monday, November 20, to pick up your carton(s). All test materials must be packed by 8:00 A.M. that day. This is the ONLY scheduled pick-up date.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HELP IN COORDINATING THE NEW ENGLAND COMMON ASSESSMENT PROGRAM.

Appendix 1: Sample Materials Summary Form



50 Education Way Dover, NH 03820

MATERIALS SUMMARY

Ship To:

MP Ship Code:	0000000001234		Date Packed:		
			October 16, 2006		
Contract:	Contract Name:		Administration:		
1364	New England Common Assessment Prog	New England Common Assessment Program		2006-2007	
County Code:	County Name: SU Code:		Superintendent Unit Name:		
District Code:	District Name:				
School Code:	School Name:		Grade:	Enrollment:	
			11	8	
Total Boxes Shipped:			1		

Box Label: 000000012345678		Qty	Qty	Qty
Content	Unit	Shipped	Received	Returned
Instruction sheet for online Principal Certification of	EA	1		
Proper Test Administration	EA	1		
Student ID Labels	EA	1		
Rulers	EA	10		
Protractors	EA	10		
UPS Return Service Labels	EA	2		
Envelope for return of administrative forms	EA	1		
Envelopes(s) for return of Student Answer Booklets	EA	1		
Special Handling Envelope	EA	1		
Envelope for return of scratch paper	EA	1		
Envelope for return of large-print test	EA	1		
Test Administrator Manual	EA	2		
Principal/Test Coordinator Manual	EA	1		
Principal/Test Coordinator Questionnaire	EA	1		
Test Administrator Questionnaire	EA	2		
Large-print test form	EA	1		
Student Questionnaires	EA	10		
Student Test Booklets	EA	10		
Student Answer Booklets	EA	10		
Mathematics Reference Sheets	EA	10		

Appendix 2: Sample Packing Slip *Secured Material*



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PACKING SLIP

Secured Material

Ship To:

MP Ship Code:	0000000001234		Date Packed:	
			October 16, 20	006
Contract:	Contract Name:		Administration:	
1364	New England Common Assessment Program		2006-2007	
County Code:	County Name:	SU Code:	Superintenden	t Unit Name:
District Code:	District Name:			
School Code:	School Name:		Grade:	Enrollment:
			11	8
Box Label:	000000012345678			

Product	Description		Unit	Qty Shipped
0302011231011001XXX X	Test Booklets		EA	10
	Class Pack Code	XXXXXXXXX		
	Test Booklet Numbers			
	1015010776			
	1016010777			
	1017010778			
	1018010779			
	1019010780			
	1025010776			
	1026010778			
	1027010778			
	1028010779			
	1029010780			

0302011241011001XXXX	Large-Print Test Booklet		EA	1
	Class Pack Code	XXXXXXXXX		
	Test Booklet Numbers			
	1020010781			

Appendix 3: Page 2 of Student Answer Booklet

STUDENT PROGRAM PARTICIPATION INFORMATION

Applicable information is to be completed after testing by a teacher/staff person for every enrolled student. Please refer to the Principal/Test Coordinator Manual or the Test Administrator Manual for more information.

ACCOMMODATIONS USED				
	READING	MATHEMATICS	WRITING	
A-1	0	0	0	
A-2	0	0	0	
A-3	0	0	0	
A-4	0	0	0	
A-5	0	0	0	
A-6	0	0	0	
A-7	0	0	0	
A-8	0	0	0	
A-9	0	0	0	
B-1	0	0	0	
B-2	0	0	0	
B-3	0	0	0	
C-1	0	0	0	
C-2	0	0	0	
C-3	0	0	0	
C-4	NA	0	0	
C-5	0	0	0	
C-6	0	0	0	
C-7	0	0	0	
C-8	0	0	0	
C-9	0	0	0	
C-10	Ö	0	Q	
C-11	0	0	0	
C-12	NA	0	0	
C-13	NA	0	NA	
D-1	0	0	0	
D-2	0	0	0	
D-3	0	0	Q	
D-4	0	0	0	
D-5	0	0	NA	
D-6	0	0	NA	
E-1	0	0	Q	
E-2	NA	NA	O	
F-1	NA	0	NA	
F-2	0	NA	NA	
F-3	0	0	0	

COMPLETE FOR EVERY LABEL, IF AI	STUDENT W		W		
GENDER					
○ Female	O Male				
PRIMARY I	RACE / ETHNI	CITY			
O Asian O Black or O Hispanio	O Black or African American O Hispanic or Latino O Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander				
LEP					
O Former I		services monitoring year 1 monitoring year 2			
IEP	SES	Migrant			
O Yes	O Yes	O Yes			
504 Plan	TITLE 1A				
○ Yes	○ Yes				

Appendix 4: Instructions for Completing Student Information on Student Answer Booklets

Test administrators or authorized school personnel are responsible for properly affixing Student ID Labels in the appropriate space provided on the Student Answer Booklets. For students who do not have a Student ID Label available for them, test administrators or authorized school personnel are responsible for completing the student information on the front cover and page 2 of the Student Answer Booklets. The test coordinator is responsible for verifying that the information has been completed correctly.

Use the instructions beneath each heading below to complete the student information sections located on the front cover and page 2 of the Student Answer Booklets.

Front Cover (for students without a Student ID Label)

Student Name

Write in the student's last name, first name, and middle initial in the spaces provided and then bubble in the corresponding circles below that match those letters.

State Assigned Student ID (RI and NH only)

Write in the student's state assigned student ID number in the spaces provided and then bubble in the corresponding circles below that match those numbers.

Birth Date

Bubble in the month of the student's birthday. Write the number of the day and year the student was born in the spaces provided and then bubble in the corresponding circles below that match those numbers.

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Accommodations Used

If the student used any accommodation(s) listed in the Table of Standard Test Accommodations in Appendix 5 of this manual, bubble in the circle that corresponds to the accommodation(s) for each content area.

For students in Rhode Island and Vermont, the following information must be provided on page 2 of the Student Answer Booklet for any student that does not have a Student ID Label. This information should be provided <u>after</u> testing in accordance with applicable state and federal regulations governing confidentiality.

Gender

Bubble in the circle that corresponds to the student's gender.

Primary Race / Ethnicity

Bubble in the circle that corresponds to the student's primary ethnicity.

LEP

Bubble in the circle that corresponds to the student's LEP status, if applicable.

IEP

Bubble in the circle if the student has an Individual Education Plan.

SES

Bubble in the circle if the student is eligible for Free or Reduced Price Meals consistent with USDA National School Lunch Program regulations.

Migrant

Bubble in the circle if the student is classified as Migrant.

504 Plan (RI only)

Bubble in the circle if the student has a 504 Plan.

Title 1A (RI only)

Bubble in the circle if the student participated in the Title 1A program this year.

Appendix 5: Table of Standard Test Accommodations

Table of Standard Test Accommodations

Any accommodation(s) utilized for the assessment of individual students shall be the result of a formal or informal team decision made at the local level. Accommodations are available to all students on the basis of individual need, regardless of disability status.

A. Alternative Settings

- A-1 Administer the test individually in a separate location
- Administer the test to a small group in a separate location
- Administer the test in locations with minimal distractions (e.g., study carrel or different room from rest of class)
- A-4 Preferential seating (e.g., front of room)A-5 Provide special acoustics

- A-6 Provide special lighting or furnitureA-7 Administer the test with special education personnel
- Administer the test with other school personnel known to the student
- Administer the test with school personnel at a non-school setting

B. Scheduling and Timing

- B-1 Administer the test at the time of day that takes into account the student's medical needs or learning style
- B-2 Allow short, supervised breaks during testina
- B-3 Allow extended time, beyond what is recommended, until in the administrator's judgment, the student can no longer sustain the activity

C. Presentation Formats

- C-1 Braille
- C-2 Large-print version
- C-3 Sign directions to student
- C-4 Read test aloud to student (Mathematics and Session 1 Writing only)
- C-5 Student reads test aloud to self
- C-6 Translate directions into other language
- C-7 Underline key information in directions
- C-8 Visual magnification devices
- C-9 Reduction of visual print by blocking or other techniques
- C-10 Acetate shield
- C-11 Auditory amplification device or noise buffers
- C-12 Word-to-word translation dictionary, nonelectronic with no definitions (For ELL students in Mathematics and Writing only)
- C-13 Abacus use for student with severe visual impairment or blindness (Mathematics -Any Session)

D. Response Formats

- Student writes using word processor. typewriter, or computer. ² (School personnel transcribes student responses exactly as written, into the Student Answer Booklet.)
- D-2 Student hand writes responses on separate paper. (School personnel transcribes student responses exactly as written, into the Student Answer Booklet.)
- D-3 Student writes using Brailler. (School personnel transcribes student responses exactly as written, into the Student Answer Booklet.)
- Student indicates response to multiplechoice items. (School personnel records student responses into the Student Answer Booklet.)
- Student dictates constructed responses (Reading and Mathematics only) to school personnel. (School personnel transcribes student responses exactly as dictated, into the Student Answer Booklet.)
- Student dictates constructed responses (Reading and Mathematics only) using assistive technology. (School personnel transcribes student responses exactly as written, into the Student Answer Booklet.)

If an accommodation that is not listed above is needed for a student, please contact the state personnel for accommodations to discuss it.

E. Other Accommodations ³

- E-1 Accommodations team requested other accommodation not on list and DOE approved as comparable
- Scribing the Writing Test (only for students requiring special consideration)

F. Modifications 4

- Using a calculator and/or manipulatives on Session 1 of the Mathematics Test
- F-2 Reading the Reading Test
- F-3 Other
- Reading the Reading Test to the student invalidates all reading sessions.
- Spell and grammar checks must be turned off. This accommodation is intended for unique individual needs, not an entire class. Test coordinators must obtain approval for the accommodation from the Department of Education prior to test administration.
- All affected sessions using these modifications are counted as incorrect.